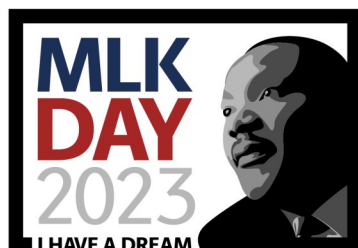


January 16, 2023



EMES Mission Statement

“The purpose of our school is to teach all children to become competent, caring citizens and life-long learners through a challenging and relevant curriculum.”



Dear EMES Families -

We have had a great first few weeks of January! These eight weeks between January and February break are such a beautiful time of year as our students settle in nicely after the holiday break and are ready to take on some deep learning. Our staff use this block of time to engage in some real learning as well, as we reflect on the first half of the year and begin to set goals for the second half. January is also a time when we, believe it or not, begin to think about structures for the following year. Using data to inform our conversations, and basing them on what we know about the proposed budget that will be presented to our communities in March, we start thinking about what we want EMES to look like next year. One example of that this year is clearly defining what our Multi Layered Systems of Supports looks like, how students are identified as needing different layers of interventions, and the roles and responsibilities of our Educational Support Personnel, Classroom Teachers, Interventionists, and Special Educators. As we continue to solidify this new learning, we will share that learning with you!

As I shared with you in my last newsletter, our staff took some time earlier this month to begin outlining upcoming opportunities for our community to participate in school events. We have identified a date for our I Love East Montpelier Luncheon as well as our spring Celebration of Learning and Talent Show (see calendar and details on page 2). We have also started to make plans for Winter/Spring Wellness activities, which has traditionally been such an integral part of our winter months. Given that until very recently we didn't really have winter-like conditions, a small committee is working to develop plans for what this will look like this year, following the tenets of "wellness." Once we have fleshed out plans, we will let you know. As always, these events cannot run without our wonderful family/community volunteers and chaperones!

Tomorrow morning, our district will be joining together at U-32 to spend the morning focusing on our humanity and justice work. Our overall goals for tomorrow are around reflecting on and refining our practices related to centering multiple perspectives and avoiding marginalizing others, and deepening our professional relationships across our district. We will begin our morning participating in small equity book groups and will then hear from a student panel about Seeking Social Justice. Teachers will spend tomorrow afternoon working on report cards and progress reports, which will be mailed home late next week.

I want to end this with two celebrations and a word of thanks. Both Sam Mishkin and Noelle Drown welcomed beautiful, healthy little boys into their families last week. We are so happy and excited for them. Our original music sub fell through, however, we are working on plans that will hopefully be in place beginning next week (stay tuned!). I also want to thank Mike Brown and his crew for so quickly cleaning up the debris from the December storm in our back woods. Without them, we would not have been able to enjoy our woods and outdoor classrooms for a very long time. Thank you!!

Enjoy the rest of this MLK Day and your extra-long weekend with your kiddos!

Best,
Alicia

Alicia Lyford, Principal

2022-2023 EMES Family Newsletter

Upcoming Dates to Note:

- ⇒ **Mon and Tue, Jan 16-17:** MLK day and Inservice—no school
- ⇒ **Wed, Jan 18:** WCUUSD Final Budget/Board Meeting in the EMES Gym at 6:15pm
- ⇒ **Fri, Jan 27:** Report Cards will be mailed home
- ⇒ **Month of Feb**—EMES Can Food Drive for local food shelf (details to come!)
- ⇒ **Friday, Feb 17:** U-32 music concert at EMES, followed by I Love East Montpelier Luncheon (details on page 2)
- ⇒ **Feb 20—24:** Student Leadership Led Spirit Week!
- ⇒ **Feb 27—March 7:** Winter break—No school
- ⇒ **Tues, Mar 7:** Town Meeting at EMES
- ⇒ **Fri, Mar 31:** Student led conferences—No school
- ⇒ **April 24—28:** April vacation—No school
- ⇒ **Wed, May 24:** Tentative date for Celebration of Learning, Arts Night and Family BBQ
- ⇒ **Mon, May 29:** Memorial Day—No school
- ⇒ **Thur, June 1:** EMES Talent Show



Vermont Public

Save The Date: January 25th

Join Vermont Public and the [Vermont Family Network](#) as we gather to discuss strategies to build supportive communities for those with Autism. With the help of clips from the PBS Film *In a Different Key* and our panel of educators, advocates, and those living with Autism we'll present ways you can help. We also invite you to share your thoughts and questions throughout this interactive event. Click [here](#) for more details.

<div> LUNCH </div> <div> JANUARY 2023 East Montpelier Elementary School </div> <div> All students eat free. Adult Breakfast \$4.00 Adult lunch \$5.50 </div>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
No School 2 Ham & Corn Chowder Biscuit 9 Sandwich of the day: Turkey & Cheese	Chicken Nuggets Dipping sauces 3 Sandwich of the day: Tuna Salad Taco Tuesday 10 Seasoned beef, hard or soft shell, cheddar, salsa, sour cream Sandwich of the day: Tuna Salad	Macaroni & Cheese 4 Sandwich of the day: Ham & Cheese Burger Day! 11 Sandwich of the day: Ham & Cheese	Baked Potato Bar 5 Sandwich of the day: Egg Salad Pizza 12 Cheese, pepperoni, chicken bacon ranch Sandwich of the day: Egg Salad	WG Corn Dog Tater Tots 6 Sandwich of the day: TBD Chicken Cordon Bleu 13 Pasta Casserole Sandwich of the day: TBD
No School 16 Sandwich Day! 23 Turkey or Egg Salad	No School 17 Nacho Tuesday 24 Seasoned beef, cheddar, salsa, sour cream Sandwich of the day: Tuna Salad	Mackenzie Hot Dog Roll 18 Sandwich of the day: Ham & Cheese Pizza 25 Cheese, pepperoni, Ham & pineapple Sandwich of the day: Ham & Cheese	Spaghetti 19 Plain or marinara Sandwich of the day: Egg Salad Burger Day!! 26 Sandwich of the day: Egg Salad	Boneless Wings 20 Plain or Lemon Pepper Sandwich of the day: TBD Brunch For Lunch 27 Mixed fruit, yogurt, roasted potato, sausage, waffle
Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup 30 Sandwich of the day: Turkey & Cheese	Meatball Sub Oven Fries 31 Sandwich of the day: Tuna Salad			

This institution is an equal opportunity provider
 Menu Subject to Change
 Vegetarian option available daily, students and staff need to order vegetarian.
Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit and Mills offered Daily
 Breakfast served daily: choice of Cereal, Bagel, Muffin, and Special Entree

EMES PTNO Agenda

ZOOM LINK

ptnoemes@gmail.comhttps://us06web.zoom.us/j/83334401760?pwd=MWZkbWtPT1dMZnFFM2R1ei9PMnpOZz09QK1dLWIWWGN4bWtTQT09

Monday January 23, 2023

7:00-8:00 PM

Guiding principle of the PTNO: Bringing the EMES community together

Time Keeper- Emily St. Cyr Mascitti

Minutes- Lauren Clemons

Meeting Norms

Presume Positive Intentions

Listen respectfully

Share the floor

7:00- Approve Minutes- There are no minutes as there were not enough members in attendance to have a quorum per EM PTNO by-laws.

7:02 - Treasury Report- If there is any new information from Emily St. Cyr Mascitti

7:10- Go over By-laws and make changes where all present see fit. Community members are invited to join for input and approval.

7:30- Amber will discuss the open seat of secretary and explain what duties and responsibilities of the position are.

7:40- Nomination and Election for open position: Secretary

7:55- Open discussion for any other items

Set date for next meeting- Will announce at this meeting depending on any changes with by-laws

8:00- Meeting Adjourn-

Agenda Items for future date:

Upcoming PTNO sponsored events